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HOW STEEL IS TESTED TO SECURE HARDNESS

Machines and devices for testing the materials that go into automobiles are being constantly developed and improved. A notable advance is the new British steel testing machine, of which one of the dozen examples in the country is installed in the laboratory of Dodge Brothers.

With this machine the hardness of the various steels that enter into Dodge Brothers cars is tested, and careful checks are kept on all materials.

In testing a piece of steel it is placed in the machine and a small cone, half of great hardness is pressed into the piece to be tested. By the pressure exerted, which is indicated on a gauge, and by the dimensions of the impression made on the piece, the operator is able to make comparisons with certain standard steels and arrive at the exact hardness of the steel tested.

This method of testing steel has largely superseded the old method whereby small steel balls were dropped on the test piece and the height of the rebound indicated the hardness of the steel.

Both the machines are the inventions of J. A. Brinell, a Swedish engineer, who has a wonderful reputation because of his knowledge of steel and its composition.

Joffre: A Portrait

The general talked on 10 or 15 minutes after that and I felt like hugging him he was so big and brilliant. As I sat there watching him, he seemed a sort of superman. He was not French; he had a face that was a sort of composite photograph of the best German generals I had seen, but with a king expression about the mouth and a gentle eye. He had no gestures, and spoke slowly, quietly, and deliberately, unlike the French.

I asked my companion, if he could be French, "No," said I, "he is a pure Viognot, and I like to think of him as having all the courage and the wonderful fighting qualities of the Viognot, tempered and made gentle by the environment of southern France, the best of Germany and the best of France combined in one great leader, and Pétain is supremely lucky to have that leader; Gallieni is another Ausonius. The two men were in Alyscamps together. They are both old campaigners and big men."

The general said as we parted that he was homesick for his vineyards. He must long to get back to them, to the simple, free life, far removed from the jardins of this hideous struggle. They ought to make General Joffre king of France, but I do not believe he would want that honor for he longs for the pruning hook and the plow.

Booze and Machinery

The liquor man says to the proletarian: "You have no right to interfere with my personal liberty because if I want to, my voice than you have the right to say what I shall and shall not eat."

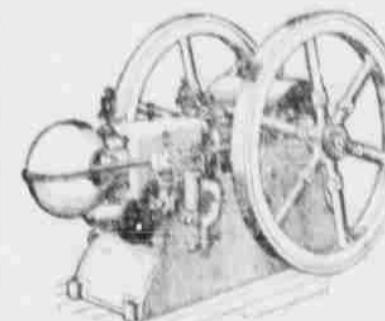
There was a time when a man could get drunk and not be likely to harm anyone but himself and his family. But that was before machinery became such a large part of our lives. A drunken man might drive a horse through a great crowd with other horses and not injure himself in the least, but a drunken man in a motorcar in a street crowded with other moving motor cars becomes a veritable death-trap. A drunken man might drive a stagecoach filled with passengers and all sorts of odds and ends along in the blind tower, to add to his woes. A drunken blacksmith in the old days would simply squat a few horseshoes, and maybe live his life a little crooked, but now a drunken factory hand can ruin thousands of dollars worth of machinery and endanger lives of fellow workmen.

SARAH BERNHARDT
FRIGHTENS REPORTER

A journalist recently interviewed Sarah Bernhardt. He asked her how she played "La Tosca." The result was a demonstration which drove him to tears from her presence over, in short, his question to the city center.

With each step she took toward me, rattling, rattling and rattling the paper curtain, I turned the chair toward the door, keeping my distance, with one hand. Finally she stood before me pale, perspiring terribly, knife in the air, ready to strike. When she struck the final blow, I knew her strength enough had failed me, for the stage and hall ran and rolled into the orchestra. In the meantime I had lost my voice. When I got on my feet the audience had dispersed. I made a dash for it, and in the press room received a hearty though the patriotic ovation.

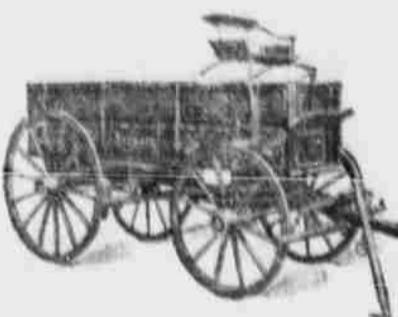
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